

Regional Library Advocates

Not Out Of The Woods Yet

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Advocates of the regional library plan for western Nova Scotia are not out of the woods yet, as far as an early conclusion to their campaign is concerned. This became apparent during a discussion on the subject by those attending a recent regional meeting of representatives of tri-county towns and municipalities held in Yarmouth.

While the Yarmouth Town Council had adopted the idea in principle and was recommending to the 1969 Council participation in the event, Mayor Fred Emin did not seem pleased with the proportion of cost the town was expected to pay. Under the cost-sharing plan, Yarmouth would be expected to pay over \$7,000 a year, while another municipality with the same population

would pay only \$2,000. This he thought was not fair. It should be paid on a per capita basis, he felt.

The Mayor also felt that Yarmouth Town could only benefit from the regional library by an increased number of books. The Town and Municipalities of Argyle and Yarmouth were now paying \$5,000 a year through joint expenditure for the present Yarmouth Library. He also said the town did not get taxes from the library.

Some of the representatives of outside municipalities, including those in Yarmouth Co., were doubtful about the value of the bookmobile service proposed for the regional library. This would be that the people would have to be home during the short time it spent in each place, as it went its rounds. A great many would miss the service, it was claimed.

An Argyle delegate said his municipality had neither accepted nor turned down the regional library plan.

Warden Reeves of Yarmouth Municipality thought his Council would have to go slow, as there were other more important things requiring public expenditures.